

SCOUTS IN NO MAN'S LAND WERE THE FIRST PRISONERS TAKEN

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Berlin's terse announcement that "North American" soldiers had been captured by German patrols on the Rhine-Marne canal on the French front brought the American people a step nearer to the heart of the great struggle.

There was no doubt here that the men referred to were members of General Pershing's force undergoing final training with French regiments in front line trenches. Confirmation from General Pershing was lacking, but in due course he will transmit the names of any men missing and this may furnish some light.

If, as is assumed, a small scouting party was surprised by a German patrol in No Man's Land and all captured, details of the incident may never be fully told, since only captors and captives would know what happened in the encounter under cover of darkness.

This is the first report received here of the capture of any members of the American expeditionary forces, but a number of naval gunners taken from American ships sunk by submarines and civilian members of the crews of other ships

are held in German prison camps. Night patrolling is a vitally important part of the final training of the American forces, as it is on these patrols that the commanding officers rely for information of activity in the enemy's front line.

Every night the scouts creep out with faces blackened against the keen vision of enemy lookouts and a swift, deadly spurt from a machine gun. They go creeping across the shell-torn ground up to the enemy entanglements, crawling and listening, dropping flat when a flare breaks out in the air above them, sometimes lying still for hours while rifles and machine guns hammer above them.

Not a night passes on many parts of the line but patrols encounter each other. Sometimes it results in firing, but that is seldom, for the menace of the opposing trench lines with rifles, machine guns and star rockets ready to burst out at the slightest hint of danger hangs over friend and foe alike.

Usually one patrol discovers the other and stalks it stealthily. A time comes when a surprise attack can be made. It is swift, silent hand to hand work and rarely is a shot fired. The victor carries off

his prisoners and when morning comes a report goes back on the other side of the line that a patrol of so many men is missing. This is all that is known.

Officers here believe that this is what happened on the French-American front. Had there been any firing or had members of the patrol made their way back to the French-American trenches, General Pershing probably would have reported immediately. As it was he was probably waiting to make certain that the missing men were not hiding in a shell hole until dark came again, to give them opportunity to make their way into their own line.

It was agreed that the loss of the patrol might have a salutary effect on the American troops in the front line. They are young, in perfect physical condition and fairly longing for a chance at the enemy. It has taken all the authority of their officers to curb their desire to go over and share in the daring work of trench raiding. Men who have spent their lives in the army know what the situation must be. They are hopeful that the lesson of caution will be brought home to the men by the loss of this party.

LAURIER ANNOUNCES HIS PARTY DEMAND REFERENDUM ON DRAFT

(By Associated Press.)
OTTAWA, Nov. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, veteran leader of the opposition in parliament, has issued a manifesto "to the Canadian people," in which he outlines the platform upon which his party will stand in the election next month.

The first duty of a Laurier administration, he asserted, would be "to find the men, money and resources necessary to insure the fullest measure of support to our heroic soldiers at the front and to enable Canada to continue to the very end to do her splendid part to the war."

"As to the present military service act, my policy will be not to proceed further under its provisions until the people have an opportunity to pronounce upon it by way of a referendum. I pledged myself forthwith to submit the act to the people

and with my followers to carry out the wishes of the majority of the nation as thus expressed."

As remedies for an economic situation, which is admittedly critical, Sir Wilfrid promised:

"Tariff reform, control of food supplies and prices, and a stop to profiteering."

He would remove the duties on agricultural implements and other essentials, as demanded by the western farmers, in connection with the high cost of living, he said he would take drastic steps to bring under government control all food production of the factories so that food may be sold at a fixed price under control of the government.

If necessary, Sir Wilfrid declared, he would not hesitate to take control of the factories engaged in the supply of food and war materials.

BRAZIL HITS AT GERMANY.

(By Associated Press.)
RIO JANEIRO, Nov. 5.—All the measures recommended to the congress by President Braz as reprisals against German aggressions have been agreed to by the committee of the chamber of deputies. These included annulment of contracts for public works entered into with Germans; prohibition of new land concessions to German subjects; control of German banks and the eventual annulment of their licenses; extension of these measures to German commercial firms; prohibition of the transfer of ownership of German properties, and the interment of German suspects. In addition the committee action authorizes the government to nullify all contracts with Germans.

PARDONED PRISONERS ENLIST.

A special meeting of the board of pardons and parole was held a few days ago in order to consider the petition for pardon of Louis Popovich and Manuel Sepulveda, serving terms at the penitentiary following their conviction in Churchill county on charges of grand larceny.

The two men failed to register because of their imprisonment, but later were summoned to appear before the examination board. Their pardon was granted on condition they passed a physical examination, and having done this the pardon becomes effective and the men will depart with the contingent from Churchill county on November 4 for the training camp at American Lake.

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HOW SHIPYARDS TROUBLE MAY FOLLOW U. S. WAGE RULINGS

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Uniform minimum wage scales for the Pacific coast shipbuilding yards, a guide for all shipyards in the country, were announced yesterday by the United States shipbuilding labor adjustment board. The decision effects an increase of from 10 to 30 per cent over the old scale here, although its uniformity makes it lower in some localities than the temporary scale now in force. Wages granted range from \$3.25 to \$6.50 a day.

The decision, the first to be handed down by the board, declares that employers' "discrimination, interfering with the defense of the nation in time of war, against so-called 'un-

fair' materials," would be intolerable.

"There won't be many ships built under this scale," declared M. J. Maguire, a union conferee representing the metal trades craftsmen of the bay districts. "I believe the entire shipbuilding crafts on the Pacific coast will appeal to President Wilson against the decision."

Seventy-five thousand men must be employed in the Pacific coast shipyards to carry out the government's program, the board decided. This means 30,000 skilled mechanics more than employed now. The board will urge the department of labor to extend the federal employment service in California, Oregon and Washington, to supplement the trade

unions unable to supply skilled workmen.

Maguire, adding to his declaration that an appeal to the president would be made, said:

"I do not believe the men will leave their jobs. I believe agreements will be made. The representatives of labor here will return to their respective homes and the unions will vote upon the new scale. The scale means an increase for the majority of workers over their old scale, but in Seattle there are 6,000 men who will receive less under this scale than they are getting now. To others the increase is very slight."

"The board found living costs had increased 36 per cent. The men want enough to meet this."

16 THEATRES FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Sixteen "liberty theaters" now being built by the government in the various national army cantonments are to be self-sustaining, and with one exception will be a part of a regularly organized dramatic and vaudeville circuit. Camp Lewis, on the Pacific coast, cannot be included in the circuit, as it is being planned at the Paris headquarters, and it is intended to make the first Christmas of the American soldiers in France as much like the home festivities as possible.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

During the month of October there were six boys born in Nye county and only two girls. There were seven deaths. The report follows:

Births—Sons to Joseph H. Ludwig, Frank D. Lee, Benjamin Razzoni and William J. Stevens, all of Tonopah.

Deaths—To Henry F. Martin and Mike Vinch, both of Tonopah.

Deaths—John Paul Whaley, aged 28 years, Arrowsmith infant, aged 3 hours, both of Manhattan; Lou D. Carter, aged 46 years, of near Ralston Station; Fred Lund, 73; John Rubich, 58; Yovan Mracevich, 42, and Spencer Wright, 32, all of Tonopah.

(By Associated Press.)
MONTREAL, Nov. 5.—Private advice announce the death of Captain Papineau of Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry. He was killed in the attack on Passchendaele. He was the grandson of the leader of the rebellion of Quebec in 1837.

CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR U. S. TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)
AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Nov. 5.—The American soldiers in France will be treated to a genuine old-fashioned American Christmas in the Young Men's Christian association, or "Red Triangle" huts. There will be celebrations with Christmas trees, not only at the base camps in the American training zone, but also behind the trenches from where the American boys now are facing the Germans.

France will supply a tree for every hut, and the Y. M. C. A., with the help from home, will provide a gift for every soldier. The movements of the troops make it impossible to guarantee that individually addressed presents will reach the person to whom they are sent in every case, but the "Red Triangle" organization, as the Y. M. C. A. is now being called here, intends that every man shall be remembered, even if the Christmas package addressed to him personally from home cannot be delivered.

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GERMAN LIBERALS CRITICIZE CENSOR

(By Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, Nov. 5.—The national liberal platform adopted by the reichstag committee of the party, according to Berlin advices, seems to promise active co-operation of the national liberals with the reichstag majority bloc, notwithstanding a few minor disharmonies. It demands the immediate settlement of the Prussian electoral reform as necessary to conform to the sense of the emperor's recent message on the subject.

FOREST SERVICE RECOMMENDS OFFICERS

It is announced by the forest service that it has been able to comply in full with the request of the war department for assistance in securing qualified lumbermen and foresters to serve as officers for the forest battalions which are to comprise a part of the American overseas forces. Three hundred and nine men have been recommended for commissions in the grades of major, captain, first lieutenant and second lieutenant. Of these, two-thirds are practical lumbermen or sawmill operators and one-third are trained foresters with long woods experience. Some of the lumbermen who were recommended have also had theoretical training in forestry and many of the foresters have had experience in logging or sawmilling.

BUTCHER SHOPS TO CLOSE.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 5.—Butchers here will observe meatless Tuesday by closing their shops or refusing to sell meat.

All these points were ones on which the attitude of the national liberals heretofore has been doubtful to say the least.

The platform desires the abolition of the political censorship or at least the transfer of it to the hands of responsible civil authorities. It says that the party is prepared to work on a reform of labor legislation along the lines mentioned by the Socialists.

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